

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2163–S2208

Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 978–996, S.J. Res. 17, and S. Res. 134–139. **Pages S2188–89**

Measures Passed:

Medicaid Services Investment and Accountability Act: Senate passed H.R. 1839, to amend title XIX to extend protection for Medicaid recipients of home and community-based services against spousal impoverishment, establish a State Medicaid option to provide coordinated care to children with complex medical conditions through health homes, prevent the misclassification of drugs for purposes of the Medicaid drug rebate program. **Page S2203**

Honoring the life of Ted Lindsay: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 132, honoring the life of Ted Lindsay, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Pages S2203–04**

The Dental College of Georgia at Augusta University 50th Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 138, recognizing the 50th anniversary of The Dental College of Georgia at Augusta University. **Page S2204**

Authorizing Production of Records: Senate agreed to S. Res. 139, to authorize the production of records by the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Page S2204**

Measures Considered:

Nominations in the Senate: Senate resumed consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration S. Res. 50, improving procedures for the consideration of nominations in the Senate. **Pages S2163–76, S2177–80**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 57), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion

to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the resolution. **Page S2177**

Senator McConnell entered a motion to reconsider the vote by which cloture was not invoked on the motion to proceed to consideration of the resolution. **Page S2177**

Calabria Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Mark Anthony Calabria, of Virginia, to be Director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency. **Page S2183**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Roy Kalman Altman, of Florida, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida. **Page S2183**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S2183**

Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 12:30 p.m., on Wednesday, April 3, 2019, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Jeffrey Kessler, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce, with the time until 2 p.m., equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees; and that notwithstanding the provisions of Rule XXII, the motions to invoke cloture filed on Monday, April 1, 2019, ripen at 2 p.m., on Wednesday, April 3, 2019. **Page S2204**

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Measures Referred: **Page S2186**

Measures Read the First Time:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—57)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:51 p.m., until 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2204.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of Commerce, after receiving testimony from Michael Platt, Assistant Secretary for Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, Steven Dillingham, Director, Census Bureau, David J. Redl, Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, and Administrator, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Neil Jacobs, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Observation and Prediction, performing the duties of Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, John Fleming, Assistant Secretary for Economic Development, Henry Childs, National Director, Minority Business Development Administration, Gil Kaplan, Under Secretary for International Trade, Matthew Borman, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration, Andrei Iancu, Under Secretary for Intellectual Property, and Director, Patent and Trademark Office, and Walter Copan, Under Secretary for Standards and Technology, and Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, all of the Department of Commerce.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of General Tod D. Wolters, USAF, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be Commander, United States European Command and Supreme Allied Commander Europe, and General Stephen J. Townsend, USA, for reappointment to the grade of general and to be

Commander, United States Africa Command, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine Army modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2020 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Lieutenant General James F. Pasquarette, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, G–8, Lieutenant General James M. Richardson, USA, Deputy Commander, Army Futures Command, and Lieutenant General Paul A. Ostrowski, USA, Principal Military Deputy to the Assistant Secretary of the Army, (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology) and Director of the Army Acquisition Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

INVESTING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the application of environmental, social, and governance principles in investing and the role of asset managers, proxy advisors, and other intermediaries, after receiving testimony from former Senator Phil Gramm; James R. Copland, Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, New Bern, North Carolina; and John Streur, Calvert Research and Management, Washington, D.C.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2020 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Rick Perry, Secretary of Energy.

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION OVERSIGHT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, after receiving testimony from Kristine L. Svinicki, Chairman, and Jeff Baran, Stephen Burns, Annie Caputo, and David Wright, each a Commissioner, all of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

NATO AT 70

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine NATO at 70, focusing on a strategic partnership for the 21st century, after receiving testimony from Ian J. Brzezinski, Atlantic Council Brent Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security, and Karen Donfried, German Marshall Fund of the United States, both of Washington, D.C.